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Mr. Deloy Shumway
c/o Mr. Earl Shumway
P.O. Box 1271
Moab, Utah 84532

Re: Concerns from December 12, 2002 Inspection; Deloy Shumway; Travertine #8 & 9;
S/019/053; Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Shumway:

On December 12, 2002, I visited the referenced mine site. The enclosed inspection report discusses my observations.

I am pleased with how the equipment and rock have been consolidated into a smaller area, but I am concerned about the condition of the area at the top of the dug road where the trailer and two vehicles were. This area needs to be cleaned up with the trash and unusable equipment hauled off. Oil containers need to be properly stored or disposed of, and the lids should be left on so oil does not spill. There is what appears to be some oil-stained soil near the delivery truck, and this soil should be dug up and aerated or disposed of. If the car batteries are not usable, they need to be recycled, but if they are usable, they should be stored indoors or in some sort of enclosed container.

While I was at the site, there was a smoldering fire in a fire barrel. The smoke smelled of burning plastic, and there were steel and aerosol cans, bedsprings, and what appeared to be a battery charger by the fire barrel. The fire was not attended. The only items that should be burned are traditional combustibles like wood and paper and these only if you have obtained approval from the appropriate agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management and Grand County.

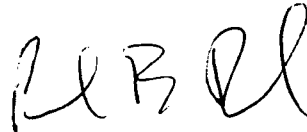
Rule R647-3-112 requires that a mine site be maintained in a safe, clean, and environmentally stable condition, and I do not feel that your site is in compliance with this regulation. Although I have considered issuing a notice of noncompliance, I prefer to work with you to take care of this problem through other means. Please begin as soon as possible to take

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care of these problems. I will try to contact you within the next few weeks to see how you are progressing. ***If reasonable progress has not been made shortly, I may need to issue a notice of noncompliance which could require that you suspend all mining operations.***

Please feel free to call me at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions about this letter, the inspection report, or the photos.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P B Baker', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul B. Baker
Senior Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosures: Inspection report with photo attachment
cc: Denice Swanke, Moab BLM, FO (UTU-78691)
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